

## Patricia Danzi

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Patricia Danzi has been with the International Committee of the Red Cross since 1996, serving as a delegate, with increasing responsibilities, in the Balkans (Bosnia, Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo), Peru, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Angola, as well as at headquarters as a Deputy Head of Operations for the Horn of Africa and as Political Advisor to the Director of Operations before undertaking her position as Head of Operations for Americas from November 2008 until April 2015.

She is currently the Regional Director for Africa since May 2015.

Patricia studied in Lincoln, Nebraska, and Zürich and holds a master's degree in agro economy, geography and environmental science; she did her postgraduate work in development studies in Geneva. She speaks seven languages. Born in Switzerland, to a Swiss German secondary school teacher and a Nigerian diplomat, she is the eldest of six siblings. In her student days, she taught mentally challenged children and also spent some time teaching in a township in South Africa just after Nelson Mandela was elected its president.

Patricia represented Switzerland at the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in athletics.

She is the mother of two children.